to introduce the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. K. S. Manickam *(Irinjalakkuda).*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

The Cochin Usurious Loans Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—I move for leave to introduce the Cochin Usurious Loans Regulation Amendment Bill.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—I second it.

Motion was put and carried.

RESOLUTIONS (contd.)

13. Speedy execution of approved irrigation schemes (contd.)

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Government have already investigated about 53 schemes of irrigation in the State. Out of these about 11 schemes were investigated in Chittur. These were mostly for the acquisition of private irrigation systems and the cost of these schemes was about Rs. 8 lakhs.

Government investigated in the Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk about 4 schemes and these were the Amballur scheme which has already been completed, the improvements to the Manappattu Chira, which have also been completed. These two schemes together protected and irrigated about 2 thousand acres of land. Another scheme in the Taluk was the drainage and navigation canal from the Hill Palace field, that is from Karingochira to the western backwaters. That has been budgetted for this year. We have also investigated and executed the Vellarappaly Lift Irrigation Scheme. That is expected to irrigate about one thousand acres of land. But some improvements to the machinery are urgently called for and until those are done it may not be possible to irrigate as large an acreage as one thousand acres. We are now irrigating about 200 acres of land by that scheme.

In the Mukundapuram Taluk one of the most important of the investigations that have been conducted was the prevention of floods from the Karuvannur river. That was a large scheme and the members would refresh their memory how

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